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2. Founded in September 1950, the People's University has been described as New China's first "model" university. Organized by special decree of the executive branch (Cheng-wu Yuan) of the People's Government, the institution has been characterized by the following features:
- a. It is built upon the pattern of Soviet experiences in higher education.
 - b. It is to be staffed with Soviet professors in key posts.
 - c. It adopts special Soviet methods and programs in the training of diversified types of leaders in Party and government for the construction of New China.
3. Organization of the People's University as of June 1953:

- a. University proper - nine departments
 - (1) Economic Planning
 - (2) Finance and Credit
 - (3) Commerce and Trade
 - (4) Cooperatives
 - (5) Factory Management
 - (6) Statisticsthree year courses
 - (7) Law
 - (8) Diplomacy
 - (9) Russian Language
- four year courses

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- b. Special training programs (one year):
- (1) Economic Training
 - (2) Finance and Banking
 - (3) Internal Trade
 - (4) International Trade
 - (5) Cooperatives
 - (6) Factory Management
 - (7) Statistics
 - (8) Diplomacy
 - (9) Archives
- c. Preparatory Department - for the special benefit of adult party workers and distinguished industrial laborers:
- (1) one-year cultural course
 - (2) two-year cultural course
- d. Accelerated high school course for farmers and laborers. This is not a preparatory department as the graduates are immediately given minor party positions in rural areas and in factories.
- e. Graduate Division with 37 graduate seminars. Their common objectives are:
- (1) to reform Chinese education
 - (2) to supervise research ideology
 - (3) to raise the level of Marxism-Leninism among teachers
 - (4) to train research workers in Marxism-Leninism
 - (5) to train college and high school teachers in political theories newly added in 1953/
- f. Marxist-Leninist Institute - a night school of college grade run for the benefit of party workers and teachers who want to seek advancement.

4. Personnel:

- a. Student body -- 6750 (excluding sub-collegiate students):
- (1) Agricultural party workers with a specified length of service and a good "cultural" level - about 3200
 - (2) Progressive industrial workers with a specified record of service and a good "cultural" level - about 3350
 - (3) Young progressive intellectuals - about 200
- All to become the "backbone of China's economic construction".
- b. Faculty -- 556:
- (1) 89 Soviets
 - (2) 55 guests from "friendly nations"
 - (3) Remainder - Chinese
- c. Graduates of collegiate grade:
- (1) 1951 and 1952 -- over 2300
 - (2) 1953 - 3000 to be graduated

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